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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 7, 2006. The Examiner requires an election between Group I, Claims 1-18, drawn to distributed searching, classified in class 707, subclass 10 or Group II, Claims 19-39, drawn to citation searching, classified in class 707, subclass 102.

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Applicant hereby elects Group II, Claims 19-39. This election is made without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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